(d) whether Government propose to allow funds as requested?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI A. NARENDRA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In order to meet the requirements of pending applicants under National Family Benefit Scheme the Government of Kerala informed that the State required Rs. 46 crores. The Government of Kerala has requested for additional one time allocation of Rs. 50 crores under National Family Benefit Scheme.

(c) The Ministry of Finance has released Rs. 1322.27 lakhs as Additional Central Assistance (ACA) to the State of Kerala under National Social Assistance Programme (NSAP) and Annapurna Scheme during the year 2004-05. The ACA provided to the State under NSAP and Annapurna could be utilized by the State on Welfare Schemes of Old Age Pension, Family Benefit or free food grains to the aged by taking up one or two or all the three or in any other combination in accordance with their own priorities and needs.

(d) The Ministry of Rural Development had been administering the Centrally Sponsored National Social Assistance Programme consisting of National Old Age Pension Scheme and the National Family Benefit Scheme until the Programme was transferred to the State Plan alongwith the Annapurna Scheme with effect from the financial year 2002-2003. After the transfer of the scheme the total allocation for the transferred scheme is decided by the Planning commission. The funds are being released by the Ministry of Finance as Additional Central Assistance to the States and the States have requisite flexibility in the choice and implementation of the Schemes. The Ministry of Rural Development has no budget provision for the transferred Schemes.

The Planning Commission has recently enhanced the allocation for NSAP and Annapurna for the Annual Plan 2004-05 leading to increase in the allocation for the State of Kerala from Rs. 1762.99 lakhs to Rs. 2872.43 lakhs.

Availability of wasteland and surplus land

2192. SHRI RAJU PARMAR: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated details of wasteland and surplus land available in the country, State-wise;

(b) whether Government propose to allocate such surplus land to landless workers and business houses for cultivation; and

(c) if so, details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI A. NARENDRA): (a) Please refer to Statements I, II, III & IV (*See* below)

(b) and (c) Land and its management is the responsibility of the State Government as provided under Entry No. 18 of the List II (State List), to the Seventh Schedule of the Constitution of India. The Government of India, Ministry of Rural Development, Department of Land Resources plays only an advisory and coordinating role in this regard. As per the information received from the State Governments State-wise distribution of Ceiling Surplus Land as on 31.3.2004 may be seen in Annexure-III referred to in part (a) of the Question above. No land, however, is allocated to business houses for cultivation.

Statement-I

State-wise Wastelands of India

(Area in Sq. Kms)

Sl. No.	State	No of Districts Covered	Total Geog. Area of distts. covered	Total Wastelands area in distts. covered	% of wastelands to total geog. Area
1.	Andhra Pradesh	23	275068.00	51750.19	18.81
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	13	83743.00	18326.25	21.88
3.	Assam	23	78438.00	20019.17	25.52
4.	Bihar	55	173877.00	20997.55	12.08
5.	Goa	02	3702.00	613.27	16.57
6.	Gujarat	25	196024.00	43021.28	21.95
7.	Haryana	19	44212.00	3733.98	8.45
8.	Himachal Pradesh	12	55673.00	31659.00	56.87
9.	J & K	14	222236.00	65444.24	64.55
10.	Karnataka	27	191791.00	20839.28	10.87
11.	Kerala	14	38863.00	1448.18	3.73
12.	M.P.	62	443446.00	69713.75	15.72
13.	Maharashtra	32	307690.00	53489.08	17.38
14.	Manipur	09	22327.00	12948.62	58.00
15.	Meghalaya	07	22429.00	9904.38	44.16
16.	Mizoram	03	21081.00	4071.68	19.31

1	2	3	4	5	6
17.	Nagaland	07	16579.00	8404.10	50.69
18.	Orissa	30	155707.00	21341.71	13.71
19.	Punjab	17	50362.00	2228.40	4.42
20.	Rajasthan	32	342239.00	105639.11	30.87
21.	Sikkim	04	7096.00	3569.58	50.30
22.	Tripura	04	10486.00	1276.03	12.17
23.	Tamil Nadu	29	130058.00	23013.90	17.70
24.	Uttar Pradesh	83	294411.00	38772.80	13.17
25.	West Bengal	18	88752.00	5718.48	6.44
26.	Union Territories	20	10973.00	574.30	5.23
	TOTAL	584	3287263.00	638518.31	20.17

SOURCE: 1:50,000 scale wasteland maps prepared from Landsat Thematic Mapper/IRS LISS II/III Data contained in NRSA Wastelands Atlas, 2000.

NOTE: 1,20,849.00 sq. kms. in Jammu & Kashmir is not mapped and hence not considered for calculating the percentage.

Statement II

Category-wise wasteland of India

Sl.No.	Category	Total wasteland (in Sq. Km)	% to total Geographical Area covered
1.	Gullied and/or Ravinous land	20,553.35	0.65
2.	Upland with or without scrub	194,014.29	6.13
3.	Waterlogged and Marshy land	16,568.45	0.52
4.	Land affected by salinity/alkalinity-coastal/inland	20,477.38	0.65
5.	Shifting Cultivation Area	35,142.20	1.11
6.	Under utilised/degraded notified forest land	1,40,652.31	4.44
7.	Degraded pastures/gazing land	25,978.91	0.82
8.	Degraded land under plantation crop	5,828.09	0.18
9.	Sands-Inland/Coastal	50,021.65	1.58
10.	Mining/Industrial wastelands	1,252.13	0.04
11.	Barren rocky/stony waste/sheet rock area	64,584.77	2.04
12.	Steep sloping area	7,656.29	0.24
13.	Snow covered and/or glacial area	55,788.49	1.76
	Total Wasteland Area	6,38,518.31	20.17

SOURCE: 1:50,000 scale wasteland maps prepared from Landsat Thematic Mapper/IRS LISS II/III Data contained in NRSA Wastelands Atlas, 2000.

NOTE: 1,20,849.00 sq. kms. in Jammu & Kashmir is not mapped and hence not considered for calculating the percentage.

Statement-III

The Distribution of Ceiling surplus Land as on 31.3.2004

(Area in acres)

Sl. No.	States/UTs	Area Declared surplus	Area Taken possession	Area Distributed to indv. benef.	Total No of benef.
1	2	3	4	5	6
1.	Andhra Pr	789910	646521	582188	525663
2.	Assam	613405	575337	545875	445862
3.	Bihar	415447	390752	306964	379528
4.	Gujarat	226043	161716	146578	33312
5.	Haryana	107067	103171	102388	29346
6.	Himachal	316556	304895	6167	6259
7.	Jammu & Kashmir	455575	450000	450000	450000
8.	Karnataka	268478	164675	123412	33727
9.	Kerala	141427	96851	68745	166814
10.	Madhya Pr	298763	260323	186942	74705
11.	Maharashtra	708098	650031	613965	135301
12.	Manipur	1830	1685	1682	1258
13.	Orissa	180301	168035	158030	141155
14.	Punjab	223115	105858	104257	28582
15.	Rajasthan	611912	570290	463547	82441
16.	Tamil Nadu	202795	194118	183670	145608
17.	Tripura	1995	1944	1598	1424
18.	Uttar Pradesh	366147	335525	260509	300163
19.	West Bengal	1394180	1304185	1088445	2759791
20.	D&N Haveli	9406	9305	6851	3353
21.	Delhi	1132	394	394	654
22.	Pondichery	2326	1286	1070	1464
	TOTAL	7335908	6496897	5403277	5746410

Statement IV

Distribution of government wastelands as on March, 2004

Sl. No.	Name of State/UT	Area Distributed in Lakh Acres
1.	Andhra Pradesh	42.02
2.	Assam	5.89
3.	Bihar*	13.21
4.	Gujarat	13.81
5.	Haryana	0.00
6.	Himachal Pradesh	0.17
7.	Karnataka	13.72
8.	Kerala	4.57
9.	Madhya Pradesh#	0.79
10.	Maharashtra	10.23
11.	Manipur	0.32
12.	Punjab	1.10
13.	Orissa	7.26
14.	Tamil Nadu	2.07
15.	Tripura	1.32
16.	Uttar Pradesh@	24.89
17.	West Bengal	4.32
18.	Goa	0.05
19.	Mizoram	0.74
20.	Rajasthan	0.93
21.	Delhi	0.06
	TOTAL	147.47

*Including Jharkhand

#Including Chhattisgarh

@Including Uttaranchal